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SUBJECT: LIBYA'S FORMER NUCLEAR CENTER DIRECTOR RESURFACES

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1.(C) Summary: Dr. Abdelkarem Mgeg, who until early this year had been Director of Libya's Tajura Nuclear Research Center (TNRC), was suddenly FORMER NUCLEAR CENTER DIRECTOR NOW WORKING FULL-TIME ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

2.(C) On May 19, Econoff met with Dr. Abdelkarem Mgeg, who until recently, was director of the TNRC. In January, post learned that Mgeg had been ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE LAEE

[13.](#) (C) Mgeg outlined the organizational chart of the newly-restructured nuclear and energy establishment which is comprised of three divisions PUSHING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

[14.](#) (C) In his new position, Mgeg said one of his goals is to attract U.S. investors to the alternative energy sector. He explained his task was

[15.](#) (C) Mgeg plans to organize an international conference on alternative energy that would bring together decision-makers, investors and scholars

[16.](#) (C) Comment: It is unfortunate, but telling, that Mgeg was moved to sidelines. One of post's most energetic interlocutors in terms of science